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Y	<p>WO 99/61891 A (RAFFENSPERGER M SUSAN ; MOON MARGARET E (US); DUO MANAGEMENT INTERNATI) 2 December 1999 (1999-12-02)</p> <p>An optical system comprising a sample receiving surface and an eyepiece, such that the sample can be viewed in focus through the optical system. page 3, line 13; figure 2</p> <p>----- -/-</p>	<p>1-4, 6-14, 16-18, 20,21</p>

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Y	<p>US 5 572 370 A (CHO CASEY) 5 November 1996 (1996-11-05)</p> <p>Self-contained fertility determination device for women - includes hollow housing sealably containing magnifier, saliva specimen slide and illuminating system for slide column 3, line 1 - column 5, line 50; figure 8</p>	<p>1-4, 6-14, 16-18, 20,21</p>
A	<p>US 2003/179446 A1 (YEH GARY) 25 September 2003 (2003-09-25)</p> <p>Portable microscopic visualization tube for determining ovulation from saliva assay column 2, paragraph 30; figures 1-7</p>	<p>1-4, 14-18, 20,21</p>
A	<p>US 6 582 377 B1 (SCHNEIDER MARIA ET AL) 24 June 2003 (2003-06-24)</p> <p>High accuracy non-intrusive fertility choice device for women, using polarized light. the whole document</p>	<p>1-4, 6-14, 17-21</p>
A	<p>WO 98/19197 A (DELJANIN DRAGAN) 7 May 1998 (1998-05-07) Pocket microscope for examining dry saliva to determine woman's fertility which has limited run of eye-piece. page 12, paragraph 4 - page 13, paragraph 2</p>	<p>1-4</p>

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